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SUBJECT: TURKISH HIGHER COURT REVERSES DRUG SMUGGLING  
CONVICTION OF GERMAN NATIONAL ANGELA WINCKLER  
1. IN A SURPRISE DECISION THE SUPREME COURT OF APPEAL  
(YARGITAY) ON MARCH 3 UPSET THE IZMIR CRIMINAL COURT CON-  
VICTION OF ANGELA WINCKLER ON CHARGES OF ATTEMPTING TO  
SMUGGLE A LARGE QUANTITY OF HASHISH OUT OF TURKEY LAST  
SUMMER. AFTER A TRIAL WHICH HAD ATTRACTED CONSIDERABLE  
INTEREST IN THE GERMAN AND TURKISH PRESS BECAUSE OF MISS  
WINKLER'S YOUTH (17 YRS) AND BEAUTY, THE LOWER COURT IN

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DECEMBER, 1976 HAD CONVICTED HER AND HER BROTHER ANGELO OF  
OF CONSPIRACY AND SMUGGLING AND SENTENCED ANGELO TO LIFE  
IMPRISONMENT AND ANGELA TO 16 YEARS 8 MONTHS. THERE WAS A  
GENERAL IMPRESSION THAT THE WINCKLERS HAD ESCAPED THE IM-  
POSITION OF THE STATUTORY DEATH SENTENCE AND MISS WINCKLER  
HAD BEEN GIVEN THE LIGHTER SENTENCE BECAUSE OF HER BROTHER'S  
WILLINGNESS TO ASSUME SOLE RESPONSIBILITY, AS WELL AS  
BECAUSE OF MISS WINCKLER'S YOUTH. THE SUPREME COURT'S  
JUDGEMENT NOW THAT ANGELA WINCKLER IS INNOCENT MAY HAVE BEEN  
BASED ON THE SAME PREMISES.  
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2. MISS WINCKER'S LAWYERS, ACTING PROMPTLY ON THE SUPREME  
COURT RULING, OBTAINED THEIR CLIENT'S RELEASE FROM BUCA  
PRISON NEAR IZMIR ON MARCH 4. THE GERMAN CONSULATE GENERAL  
HAD PLANNED TO REPATRIATE HER IMMEDIATELY, A PRACTICAL MOVE  
BUT ONE OF QUESTIONABLE LEGALITY, SINCE THE IZMIR COURT STILL  
HAD THE OPTION TO ENTER ITS OWN APPEAL AGAINST THE SUPREME  
COURT RULING. IN THE MEANTIME IT SEEMS THAT MISS WINCKLER

HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN HER PASSPORT BEING HELD BY THE POLICE NOR  
AUTHORIZED TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY.

3. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, ANGELA WINCKLER IS NOW IN ISTANBUL

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STAYING AT THE GERMAN CONSULATE GENERAL. THE IZMIR CRIMINAL  
COURT IS PREPARING TO LODGE ITS APPEAL WITH THE SUPREME  
COURT.

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